

5. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised by a secondary signalling a request for a change of category to the primary station.

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*QZ* 7. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that each of the categories comprise a common operating characteristic.

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10. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the primary and secondary stations operate on a single frequency channel.

*A3* 11. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the primary station has means for transmitting a negative acknowledgement if it does not have a data signal for a secondary station in an indicated category.

12. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised by a secondary station having means for intermittently monitoring for the presence of beacon signals.

13. A system as claimed in claim 8, characterised by a secondary signalling having means for transmitting a request for a change of category to the primary station.

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